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Court-Martial For Commander Of Truculent Announced

London, Jan. 25.—The commanding officer of the submarine Truculent, which was rammed and sunk in the Thames Estuary with the loss of 64 lives, will be court-martialed on a charge of "negligently or by default losing his ship," the Admiralty announced here tonight.

The Truculent was a British submarine of the T-class, built in 1941. It was on patrol in the Thames Estuary on January 24, 1949, when it was rammed and sunk by the German submarine U-235. The Truculent was the first British submarine to be sunk since the end of the Second World War.

MARITIME INQUIRY
A maritime inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Truculent is expected to be held in the near future. The inquiry will be presided over by a senior naval officer and will include representatives from the Admiralty, the German Navy, and the International Maritime Organization.

Greek Ship Runs Aground
San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The Greek ship *Agios*, a cargo vessel, ran aground on the rocks off the coast of California today. The ship was carrying a large quantity of goods and was bound for the port of Los Angeles. The ship's crew is safe and the ship is being towed away from the rocks.

Alger Hiss Sentenced To 5 Years In Gaol



ALGER HISS

CONVICTED FOR PERJURY

New York, Jan. 25.—Alger Hiss, bright young State Department expert who advised President Roosevelt at Yalta, was sentenced to five years in prison today for lying about his 1938 co-operation with a Communist spy ring.

The 45-year-old former president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace stood white and tense as Judge Henry Goddard sentenced him to five years on each of two perjury counts—the sentences to be served concurrently.

Even as sentence was pronounced, Hiss repeated that he was innocent. Just before Judge Goddard pronounced the sentence, Hiss requested an opportunity to make a "brief statement."

"I would like to thank you, Judge, for the opportunity to make a statement," Hiss began. "I am confident that the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers, who was able to carry out his espionage activities, will be disclosed. I am confident that the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers, who was able to carry out his espionage activities, will be disclosed. I am confident that the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers, who was able to carry out his espionage activities, will be disclosed."

MOTIONS DENIED
The court denied Hiss's motion for a new trial. The court also denied Hiss's motion for a reduction of his sentence. The court stated that Hiss's perjury was intentional and that his sentence was justified.

STILL HIS FRIEND
Washington, Jan. 25.—The State Department today announced that it still considers Alger Hiss a friend. The department stated that Hiss's actions were a personal matter and that his loyalty to the United States remained intact.

Rescued After Entombment



Weary and begrimed rescuers carry Joseph Burda, 30, Morea, Pa., miner (on stretcher) to waiting ambulance after freeing him from 39-hour entombment 75 feet underground in his independent mine. Burda, without food or water during his entombment, set off three blasts of dynamite to inform rescuers he was still alive.—AP Picture.

Secret Agreements Between Russia & Chinese Reds

"Special Rights" Granted To The Soviets

Washington, Jan. 25.—The United States State Department said today that "two secret agreements" between the Chinese Communists and Russia granted "special rights" to the Soviet Union in Manchuria.

Supporting recent statements by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Department issued a detailed "background document" which said, "The Soviet Union has placed the richest industrial area of China firmly behind the Far Eastern segment of the Iron Curtain."

Mr. Acheson declared recently that Russia was detaching Manchuria, Outer Mongolia, Sinkiang and Inner Mongolia from China and binding them to the Soviet Union.

The State Department, backing up Mr. Acheson's charges, said that Russia's designs were in part supported by the two "secret agreements" which it said were known as the "Moscow" agreement and the "Harbin" agreement.

"These agreements grant further special rights to the USSR in Manchuria," it said.

PENETRATION COMPLETE
The State Department gave the summary of conditions in the four areas of Manchuria.

Outer Mongolia—"Soviet penetration is complete." A so-called Government established by Russian military forces there has been recognized by Russia, North Korea and Albania.

A treaty authorizing the presence of Soviet troops has been negotiated.

The trade of Outer Mongolia is oriented toward and completely monopolized by the USSR.

Manchuria—Russia is using the 1945 Sino-Soviet Treaty to "extend its economic and strategic domination."

Russian troops occupy Dairen and the Port Arthur naval base area. The control of railroads and "collieries" interests, it is noted, has gone much further than was contemplated in the 1945 Treaty.

Russian influence in native military forces is "generally recognized" and "openly admitted" by the Chinese Communists.

SECRET POLICE
Russia's participation in Manchurian secret police work.

The document said that the Soviet Union operated the only air service in Manchuria and "controls and operates industrial facilities in Dairen, Harbin and Chin-Moscow" and power transmission and hydro-electric plants at Yuli and several coal and gold mines, also the Shao Ho Kon vehicle manufacturing works, the Dairen shipbuilding yard, and the Dairen sugar works.

A special trade agreement was signed last July. This gives Russia, it is reported, "90 percent of a farmer's produce" in Manchuria and is causing "severe shortages while other areas of China are experiencing famine conditions."

Naval Launch Rammed, Sunk In HK Harbour

A naval launch was rammed and sunk by a Chinese motor vessel in the harbour early this morning. No one was injured.

The 25-foot launch attached to the destroyer, HMS *Comus*, was crossing Yau Ma Tei Bay just after 3 a.m. when it was rammed by the Chinese motor vessel. The Chinese vessel began to take the launch in tow, but it sank after going only a short distance.

A statement has been given by the coxswain of the naval launch to the Water Police, who are unable to find the Chinese vessel, which has apparently disappeared from the harbour.

The Water Police have not ruled out the possibility that the Heung Kwong may also have sunk.

Plane Loses An Engine In Flight
San Francisco, January 25.—The Pan-American Airways reported today that the No. 4 engine, fell from a Boeing Stratocruiser over the Pacific Ocean, about 80 miles from Tokyo, but the clipper landed safely at Tokyo airport at 1:35 p.m. The plane carried 10 civilian passengers but nobody was injured. Pan-American Airways said the vertical stabilizer and fuselage near the galley were damaged.—United Press.

Tsun Wan Strikers Cause Disturbance

55 WEAVERS ARRESTED

Fifty-five weavers at the Pao Hsing Cotton Mills, Tsun Wan, were arrested last night after they had staged a strike in protest against the dismissal of six fellow workers.

It is understood that the trouble started yesterday afternoon when the management were locked out of their offices. As the strikers became more and more demonstrative, an official of the firm sent for the police.

It was not until the evening that the 55, most of them young women, were arrested. They were taken to the police station and held overnight.

They were due to appear before Mr. J. W. Lee at Kowloon court today. The weavers, 43 men and 12 women, have no dependents in Hongkong.

Ferries In Collision

WHILE TRYING TO RESCUE WOMAN

Two harbour ferries collided and were slightly damaged this morning while going to the assistance of a Chinese woman who had jumped or fallen off one of the ships.

The woman was a lower deck passenger on board the *Solar Star* crossing to Hongkong. About half way across the harbour, the shout was raised that someone had gone overboard. Passengers saw the woman struggling in the water, managing, however, to keep afloat.

The ferry turned back on her course, at the same time, the *Hongkong* and *Yau Ma Tei Ferry* Company's *Man Chi* had observed the incident and was approaching the scene to give aid.

The ships collided, but not with great force. The only damage was crushed woodwork. The woman was rescued by two crewmen from the *Man Chi*, who dived in with life-belts. She was put on board the *Solar Star* and taken to Hongkong.

TRUMAN MAY INTERVENE

Washington, Jan. 25.—A high government official said on Wednesday that President Truman will step into the soft coal dispute "before the week-end," unless John Lewis gets his 80,000 striking miners back to work "quickly."

The official said, even if the strikers return to work on a three-day week, the President may act because of growing coal shortage.—United Press.

Flying Arrow's Skipper Bluffs Chinese Reds

Aboard Flying Arrow at Kobe, Jan. 25.—The skipper of this American freighter had to bluff the Chinese Communists by threatening to call non-existent destroyers in order to get his clearance papers to leave Tsingtao. Captain David Jones told me of the tense negotiations as we approached Kobe, writes Wayne Richardson.

The freighter had put in at Tsingtao to discharge cargo after a Chinese Nationalist gunboat shelled us off Shanghai on January 9.

Captain Jones declared his ship's departure from Tsingtao was held up for six days by the Communists, who "delayed the vessel in every manner." In the midst of a quarrel to get his clearance papers at the Communist navigation bureau, Captain Jones gambled on a bluff. Turning on the officials he said:

"If my vessel is not allowed to call or given sufficient reasons for its detention, I will radio American destroyers outside to come in and get me—that I am being held unlawfully."

There were no American destroyers outside. The destroyer *Bausel* had escorted us to Tsingtao from the mouth of the Yangtze to within eight miles of Tsingtao. Now it probably was far away.

Shortly after Captain Jones stormed from the navigation office, his clearance was delivered to him aboard ship. We emerged from a bad situation on Monday by casting off immediately.

Captain Jones had begun his battle to get his papers returned on Saturday. No reason was given for denying them.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Conservatives' Manifesto

THE Conservative Party's General Election manifesto contains no surprises. It will probably meet with the unqualified approval of voters whose political preferences are Tory, and will, without doubt, arouse ironical and deprecatory comments from those whose affiliations lie in other directions. Characteristically the Socialists and the Conservatives aim for identical ends: full employment, financial solvency, homes for all, the best possible social services, world peace, close relations with the Commonwealth. Only in the field of foreign policy have the Conservatives been more specific in their platform than the Socialists, and here they dwell with some emphasis on continued harmonious relations with the United States and neighbouring countries such as France; of the development of the West European Union and the liquidation of war debts incurred by Britain in order to help maintain the safety of India, Pakistan and Egypt. The choice which will confront the electors next month is not so much of programme as of means to realise more or less common aims. The Conservatives are emphatic about their idea of how to bring full recovery to Britain. They do not consider their proposals as the best way; to them they represent the only way. Thus there is a clear-cut issue before the electors, and it is because the alternative methods brook no compromise, that the election will become a contest between two powerful and persuasive parties. But when this has been said, it still remains true that on one point the Conservatives have hedged (just as have the Labour Party on the question of nationalising industrial insurance companies.) The Conservatives, while violently opposed to nationalisation, have conceded that if returned they will not de-nationalise the coal industry. Instead, they will "dynamically reorganise"

it into a "public undertaking." From this distance, it is not quite apparent what is intended by such an operation, unless the Conservatives mean they will make the industry into a profitable concern from which the public, as principal shareholders, will receive benefits. Nationalisation, however, has the same intention, and on this particular question the Conservative manifesto may be in danger of confusing and irritating public thought. The Tories are on much safer ground when they adopt an implacable attitude of opposition to all forms of nationalisation, and offer instead "a fair field for enterprise" and freedom from bureaucratic restrictions. Any admission that nationalisation, under certain circumstances, can bring lasting benefit to the country weakens their whole platform, and is likely to convince wavering supporters that the Party is out to protect certain interests, regardless of others. The Conservatives have an appealing angle in the matter of reduced taxation, particularly if they can demonstrate during the election campaign that this can be brought about by reducing Government expenditure without departmental efficiency suffering. Relief from direct taxation is what the middle classes desire as much, if not more, than a wider variety and plentitude of foodstuffs. And if these voters can be persuaded that this relief will be forthcoming without having to sacrifice any of the social services which the nation is now enjoying, they can be expected to cast their votes for Conservative candidates. With the two principal party platforms before the electors, it now remains for the contestants to convince the voters which is most likely to achieve what the manifestos claim. The probable outcome can be better judged in another three weeks' time.

TUC Bans Reds On Council

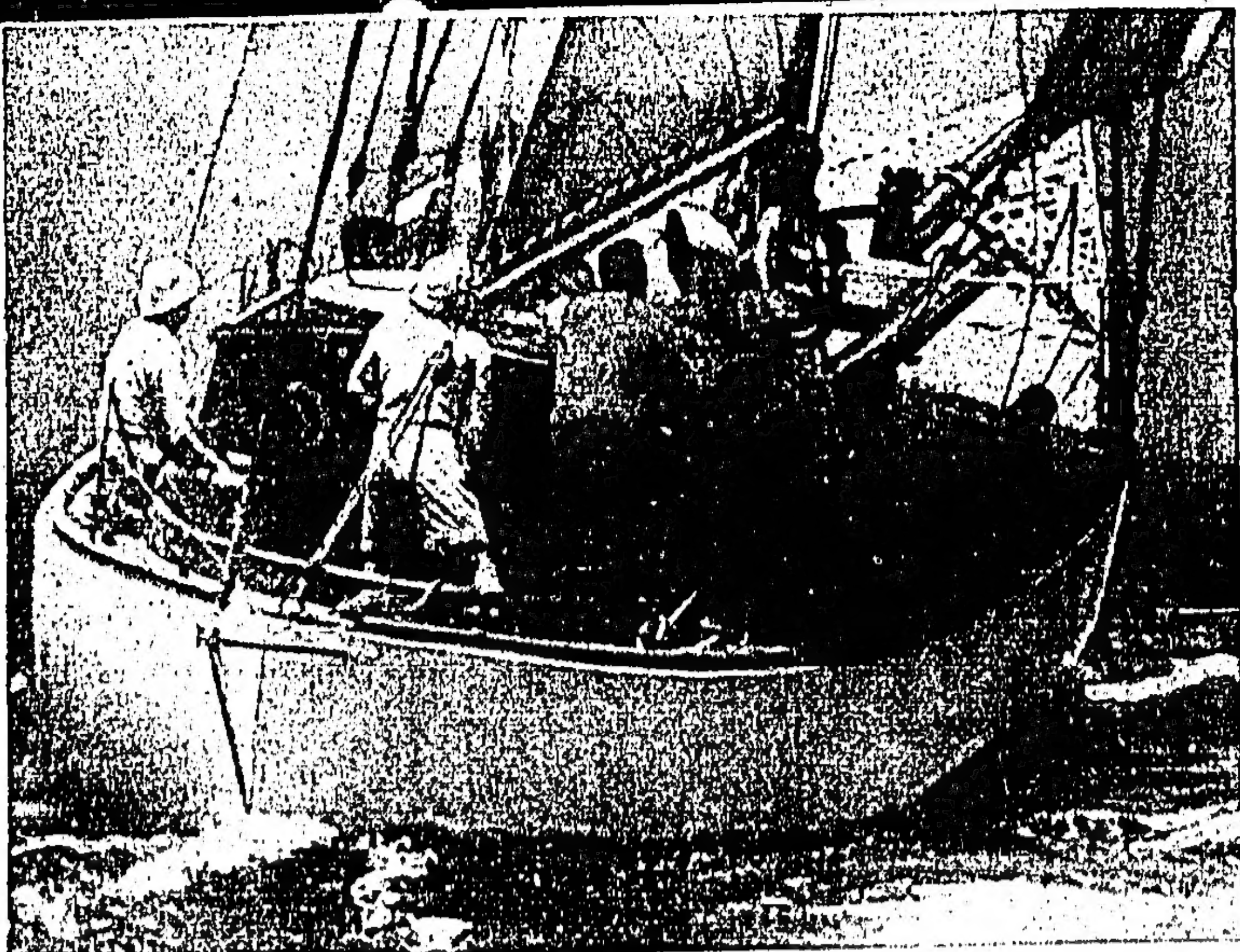
London, Jan. 25.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress decided today that no Communist will be allowed to sit on the National Committee which speaks for the 500 trade councils—the local federations of trades union branches.

Nor will Communists be permitted to attend the annual conference of the trade councils as delegates. With these new steps in their campaign against the Communists, the General Council planned support for the Labour Party in the General Election campaign.

A special committee was formed to prepare a manifesto calling on trade unionists to vote for Labour.—Reuter.

BANDITS ATTACK TRAIN
Singapore, January 25.—One Chinese was killed and two were wounded last night when bandits attacked a passenger train between Soderak and Sayang in Johore State.—United Press.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEADING OUT TO SEA—The New South Wales sloop "Peer Gynt" sails against 14 other yachts in the annual 640-mile ocean yacht race from Sydney to Hobart.



CATCHING BREAKFAST—A visitor to Haliburton, Canada, for a winter sports holiday, takes time out to catch a whitefish through the ice of a lake in the Ontario highlands.



SKIING WITHOUT SNOW—Hannes Schnelder, instructor, gives a snowless ski lesson to winter visitors on a bare slope at North Conway, New Hampshire. In the rear is the Cranmore skimobile.



PAY AS YOU DRIVE—Mildred Thrawl of Chicago demonstrates a coin meter for the ignition system by which a buyer pays for a car. The equivalent of six U.S. quarters a day keeps it running.



NEW SENATOR—William Benton, a Democrat, is new U.S. Senator from Connecticut, succeeding Raymond E. Baldwin, who resigned to become Justice of State Supreme Court.



BOXER AND BUTCHER—Roland La Starza (right), 22-year-old New York heavyweight boxer, undefeated in 37 matches, helps his father in his grocery-butcher shop between bouts.



KANSAS SENATOR—Harry Darby, 54, Republican national committeeman for five years, is the new U.S. Senator from Kansas, filling the unexpired term of the late Clyde M. Reed.



PRESIDENT AND ENVOY—President Soekarno (left) of the United States of Indonesia, chats with Merle Cochran, U.S. Ambassador, at a reception in Jakarta (Batavia).



INDIA'S PAVLOVA—Mirabai, Hindu dancer, popularly known as "India's Pavlova," recently made her first appearance in London at the Imperial Institute Theatre.



NO SMOKE IN HIS EYES—Colby Clarke, tavern keeper of Kent, devised this holder to keep his long cigar from sagging and the smoke from his eyes while playing cards.



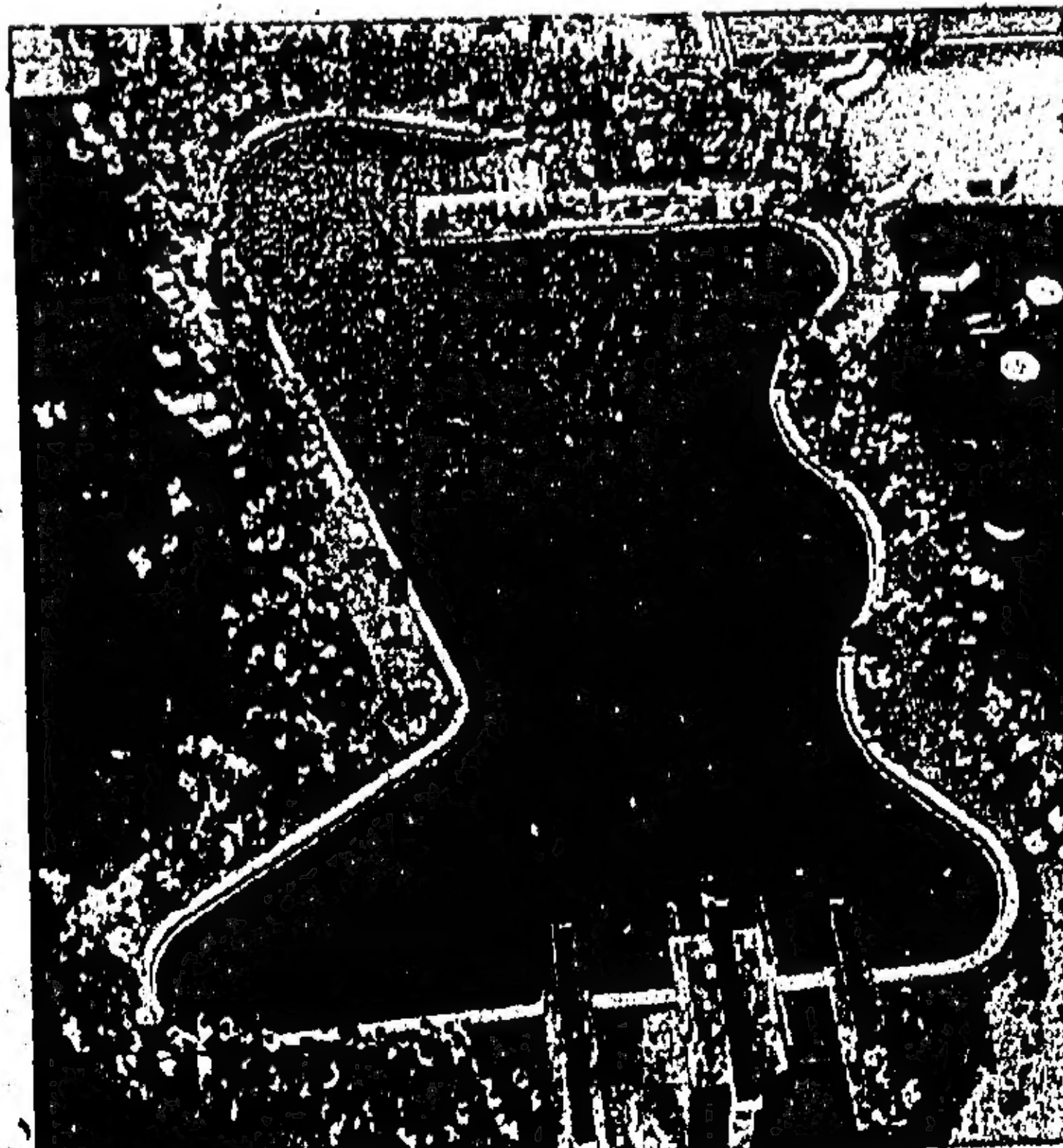
FROM SEAMAN TO ACADEMY—Harry Martinsson, author and former seaman, is installed as a member of the Royal Swedish Academy, which selects Nobel Prize winners. Left to right: Anders Osterling, Earl Marshal Birger Ekeberg, Martinsson and Sigfried Siwertz.



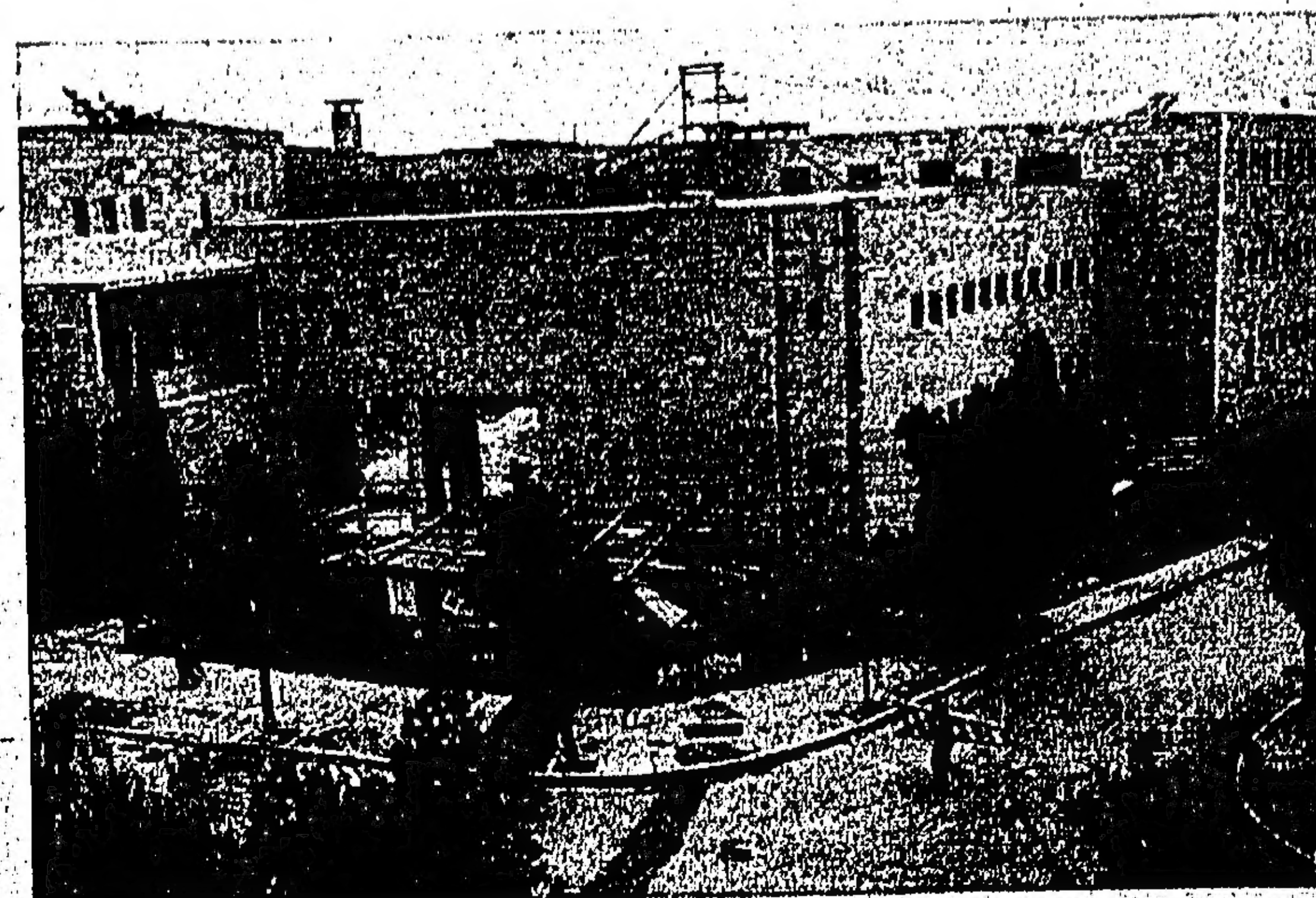
TENOR'S TRIBUTE—Eugene Conley, who sang tenor in Bellini's opera, "I Puritani" at La Scala, Milan, dusts a statue of the composer before the opening night.



FIELD DOGS IN TESTS—William Jones (left), of Suffolk, Virginia, holds "Fast Special Delivery" and George Rogers, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, holds his wife's entry, "Medoc" at the trials of the Field Trial Club of Pinehurst, North Carolina, as judges and gallery (rear) prepare to follow the test.



TROPICAL SWIMMING HOLE—The pool of the Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was blasted out of coral rock. It is filled with sea water, which is changed every four hours.



HOME OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT—This wing of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem will be the temporary home of the Israel Parliament (Knesseth) until a new building is erected.

NEW ORDER DAWNING IN THE EAST

Man And Wife Issue In Murder Trial

London, Jan. 25.—Counsel prosecuting Brian Donald Hume for murder told a jury here today that "a man and wife who love each other stick together."

The counsel, Mr. Christopher Humphreys, was discussing the evidence given by Mrs. Hume for her husband who has pleaded not guilty to murdering a car dealer, Stanley Setty, whose dismembered body, dropped from a plane, was found in lonely marshes on the Thames Estuary.

"I have said that Hume murdered Setty," Mr. Humphreys said in the Central Criminal Court (the Old Bailey).

"I do not say that Mrs. Hume had no part in this murder. I say I have no evidence whatever that she had any part in it."

Mr. H. F. Levy, defending, pleaded Hume's innocence.

"Only a madman would have cut up Setty's body in Hume's flat," he told the jury.

"There was no question and no possibility that Hume could have murdered Setty anywhere else and then brought the body to the flat to be cut up and put in the car."

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FORMOSA CONFIDENT

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SINKING OF SEVEN SHIPS CLAIMED

Taipei, Jan. 25.—The Chinese Nationalist Government today claimed that they had destroyed seven ships on the Shanghai waterfront and sank or captured more than 80 smaller craft in raids along the Chinese coast.

An official communique said that Nationalist bombers attacked 20 ships along the Shanghai docks starting fires which were still burning when fighter planes returned for reconnaissance hours later.

The communique said seven ships were destroyed and several disabled. Other targets included the Luchow peninsula, Swatow and points in Kiangsu and South Kiangtung provinces.

Death Of Ship Designer

Torquay, Jan. 25.—Sir George Thurston, who designed ships for most of the world's navies died at Torquay on Sunday. He was 80.

Sir George was long the naval director of the munitions firm of Vickers, Ltd. and confidential adviser to the late Sir Basil Zaharoff, armaments "king."

His designs got their widest use in the first world war, but he later also planned ships for the Russian and Japanese navies.

In 1920 he was knighted for his war work. — Associated Press.

MINES BLOW UP POWER SYSTEM

Paris, Jan. 25.—Mines blew up part of the electric power system in Hanoi, Indo-China, yesterday, cutting the city's electricity supply and stopping traffic, the Agence-France Presse reported today.

The mines were believed to have been laid by Vietminh (Nationalist) insurgents.

Radio communication was cut for two hours. Seven transformers were damaged beyond repair. — Reuter.

Employer Resolutions At I.L.O. Conference

Nuwara Eliya, Jan. 25.—The Asian regional conference of the International Labour Organisation today unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the I.L.O. Governing Body to give Asian countries "equitable and adequate representation."

A second resolution, also adopted unanimously, said, "This Asian regional conference welcomes the action already taken by I.L.O. to establish a field office in Asia and recommends the Governing Body to give consideration to the desirability of establishing at an early date additional such offices in Asia."

Ghulam Ali Allana, President of the Karachi Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Pakistan employers' delegate to the conference, moved both resolutions.

"We, delegates, who have come to this conference," he said, "are all agreed to call on the Governing Body to give Asian countries 'equitable and adequate representation' and to establish a field office in Asia and recommends the Governing Body to give consideration to the desirability of establishing at an early date additional such offices in Asia."

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Mr. Acheson's Fears

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SIDE GLANCES By Gallbraith



"If you don't behave and stop squirming, that bad man sitting next to you is going to spank you!"

TRAM WORKERS' DEMONSTRATION



In good humour, but none the less serious in their purpose, employees of the tramway company dancing the Yangko in Percival Street yesterday in demonstration against what was apparently an attempt by an "outsider" to seek a job.



The tramwaymen were well organised. The picture shows the drum brought out to beat time for the dancing of the Yangko. (Staff Photographer.)

Confused Situation In Bandoeng

DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW

Bandoeng, Jan. 25.—With a dusk to dawn curfew, Bandoeng is today an empty city. After dark, Indonesian Army patrols roared through the streets in open trucks, and held road blocks on all thoroughfares entering the city.

Dutch armoured cars also raced through the street, whenever occasional shots rattled the silence.

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NO PURSUIT

One of the strange features of the confused situation in Bandoeng is that, as far as can be ascertained, no pursuit has so far been ordered for Western army, though the Indonesian Army Headquarters at Djakarta said that the forces would be "resolutely pursued and destroyed."

There is certainly no sign in Bandoeng of a resolute pursuit.

The confusion is made worse by a jumble of contradictory statements issued by the various political, governmental and "shadow" governmental bodies in West Java.

On the one hand, the Pasundan State Government has openly expressed sympathy with Westerners and talked of declaring a "Johad"—a holy war—against unspecified invaders with the assistance of the Darul Islam (a fanatical Moslem organisation) forces known to be near the city.

Darul Islam posters proclaiming an orthodox Moslem State have appeared on the walls of Bandoeng City over the signature of the Islamic mystery man, Karti Suwilo, who is known to have headquarters in the mountains near Garoet, 40 miles from Bandoeng.

ALLIANCE TALK

Darul Islam declared war on the Indonesian Army last year, attacking Dutch and Indonesian posts with equal ferocity, but since the Hague agreement they no longer attacked the Dutch Army, whose vehicles carry an orange triangle on wind-screen and tail-board to distinguish them.

The Darul Islam organisation is now intensifying its attack

Russia Gives Recognition To Indonesia

London, Jan. 25.—Radio Moscow reported tonight that the Soviet government had decided to recognise the United States of Indonesia as an "independent sovereign state and to establish diplomatic relations." The broad Soviet was distributed by the East-West monitor.

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AMERICAN SWING ON GERMANY'S FUTURE

Washington, Jan. 25.—The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Tom Connally, said today that his Committee was "much encouraged" regarding the outlook in Germany as a result of the report which the United States High Commissioner, Mr. John McCloy, had made.

The Committee was "much impressed by the report and discussion of conditions in Germany and hopes Mr. McCloy will be able to carry out his programme to stimulate democracy and parliamentary government and improve the economic and commercial situation."

Mr. McCloy told the Committee that the "extreme" nationalist fringe had become more active in Germany and it was working closely with the Communists, but he promised to use his powers "swiftly and firmly" if necessary to deal with "any dangerous nationalist revival" in Germany.

He differentiated between ex-Nazis and what he termed "little Nazis"—postal employees, school teachers and others who had gone through the Allied denazification process, and believed the time had come to permit the "little Nazis" to re-enter German national life and to be judged on "present actions rather than past weaknesses and misdeeds."

Mr. McCloy said United States policy should be directed toward "Continued alertness on security issues" within Germany with the aid of simple, direct, and effective measures to deal with security problems.

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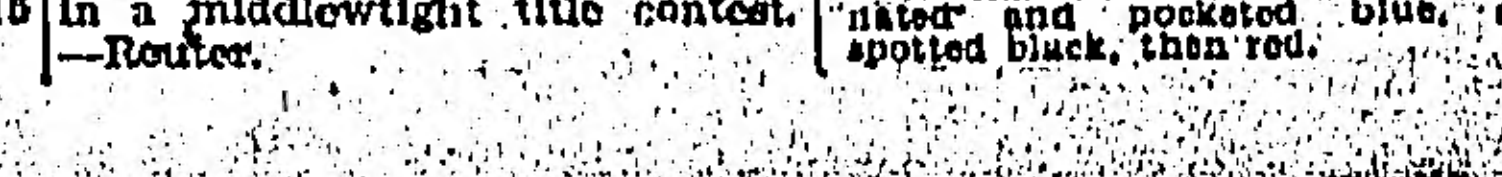
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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

BEFORE going to the next table to get ready for a new game, I asked Harry Fishburn, who with Mrs. Phyllis Schellinger operates the Mayfair Bridge Club in New York, who is the hardest thing for the beginner to learn about contract bridge. Fishburn said that every beginner has three obstacles to overcome.

First he has to learn that contract bridge is a definite work, not a game. Second he has to learn to follow the bidding and to understand it at any time during the game. Third, he has to learn to take time out to analyze every hand and remember that it pays once in a while to look the loss of an extra trick in order to defeat a contract.

Fishburn refused to make any comment on the bidding of his hand, but I am inclined to think that with East and West vulnerable, Fishburn would have opened the bidding with four hearts in the South position. Then it would have been very difficult for West to double that contract and having heard from his partner:

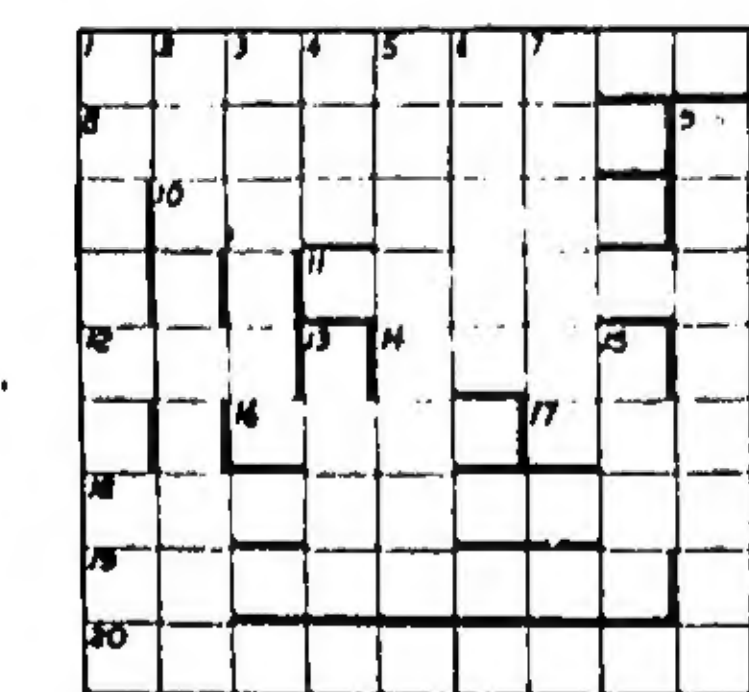
If he could, he had five club tricks, he could not have been defeated.

West returned the suit of spades, which East was sure to win. West's next move was to lead the king of hearts, thus defeating the contract.

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- Sort of war vessel that brings me in early. (10)
 - Fancied in images. (9)
 - Cardinal progress. (7)
 - Disgraced. (6)
 - Also the start of a tooth. (3)
 - Nowadays too often associated with sinners. (4)
 - Wane for a change. (4)
 - Small numbers. (3)
 - You can make frost of it. (6, 4)
 - Confession. (8)
 - When the way ended. (9)
- Down
- What Churchills could have called. (10, 11)
 - Is this done off-hand? (9)
 - You could hardly think this row in through the bridge. (10)
 - Suggests the late James Agate. (10)
 - Through which a light can may pass. (8)
 - Listener that comes near. (10)
 - Bye-bye. (8)
 - By this I mean. (10)
 - Could be just what trapped them. (10)
 - Expressions of disapproval. (10)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1. Zebra; 2. U. S. Navy; 3. Navy; 4. Zebra; 5. Navy; 6. Zebra; 7. Navy; 8. Zebra; 9. Navy; 10. Zebra; 11. Navy; 12. Zebra; 13. Navy; 14. Zebra; 15. Navy; 16. Zebra; 17. Navy; 18. Zebra; 19. Navy; 20. Zebra; 21. Navy; 22. Zebra; 23. Navy; 24. Zebra; 25. Navy; 26. Zebra; 27. Navy; 28. Zebra; 29. Navy; 30. Zebra; 31. Navy; 32. Zebra; 33. Navy; 34. Zebra; 35. Navy; 36. Zebra; 37. Navy; 38. Zebra; 39. Navy; 40. Zebra; 41. Navy; 42. Zebra; 43. Navy; 44. Zebra; 45. Navy; 46. Zebra; 47. Navy; 48. Zebra; 49. Navy; 50. Zebra; 51. Navy; 52. Zebra; 53. Navy; 54. Zebra; 55. Navy; 56. Zebra; 57. Navy; 58. Zebra; 59. Navy; 60. Zebra; 61. Navy; 62. Zebra; 63. Navy; 64. Zebra; 65. Navy; 66. Zebra; 67. Navy; 68. Zebra; 69. Navy; 70. Zebra; 71. Navy; 72. Zebra; 73. Navy; 74. Zebra; 75. Navy; 76. Zebra; 77. Navy; 78. Zebra; 79. Navy; 80. Zebra; 81. Navy; 82. Zebra; 83. Navy; 84. Zebra; 85. Navy; 86. Zebra; 87. Navy; 88. Zebra; 89. Navy; 90. Zebra; 91. Navy; 92. 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MacArthur, 70 Today, In Top Form

Tokyo, Jan. 26.—General Douglas MacArthur will cut a big special birthday cake today at the American Embassy to celebrate his 70th birthday.

The General is in good health and in high spirits—even a festive mood—but there will be no big party or celebration.

The General will cut the cake at a small party at the American Embassy where his wife, Jean, and 12-year-old son, Arthur, will top the list of those wishing him "happy birthday."

Other birthday greetings are arriving here from all corners of the world. Numerous birthday greetings have come from Japanese who admire him.

During the morning, General MacArthur will review an honour guard at the American Embassy. Then he will go to his office, carrying out his regular routine.

HARD DRIVING

Yesterday he cleared his desk and today unless there are urgent matters requiring his attention, he will devote considerable time to receiving diplomatic members of his staff and others who call at his office to extend to him birthday greetings.

He probably will leave his office around 1:30 p.m. the usual time for lunch. A group of Japanese school children are planning to be at the door of his headquarters to wave Japanese and American flags and sing "Happy Birthday."

General MacArthur's 70th birthday still looks like just a hard-driving day in his life. He works long and hard hours and expects to do so for the foreseeable future.

Coal Stocks Reaching Danger Point

Washington, Jan. 25.—James Boyd, director of the Bureau of Mines, said today that coal stocks were near the "danger point" where public health and safety might be imperilled.

Mr. Boyd told the Senate Labor Committee that there was a 28-day supply of coal in the country. He said the Bureau of Mines estimated that the coal supply would be exhausted in 28 days.

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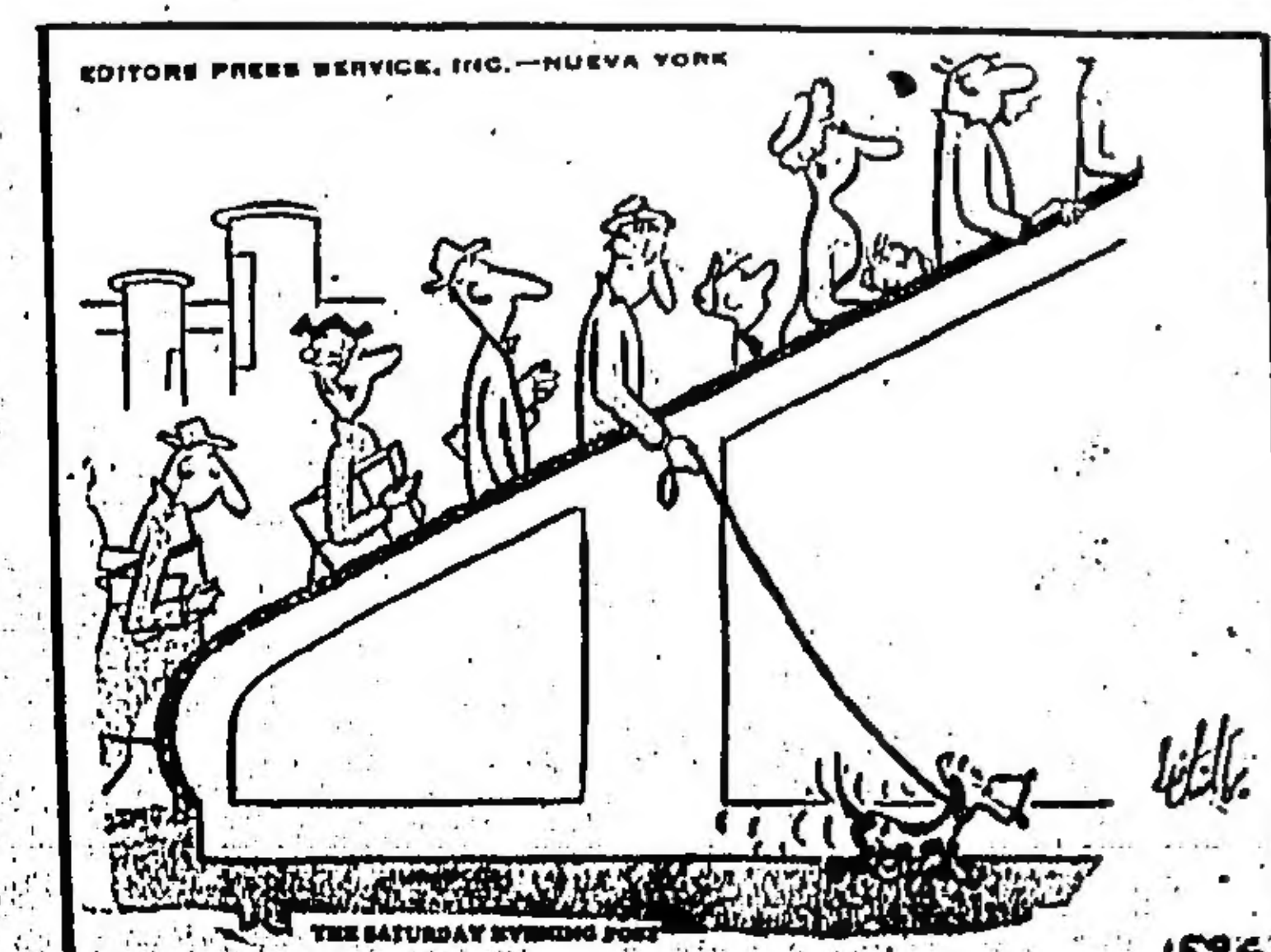
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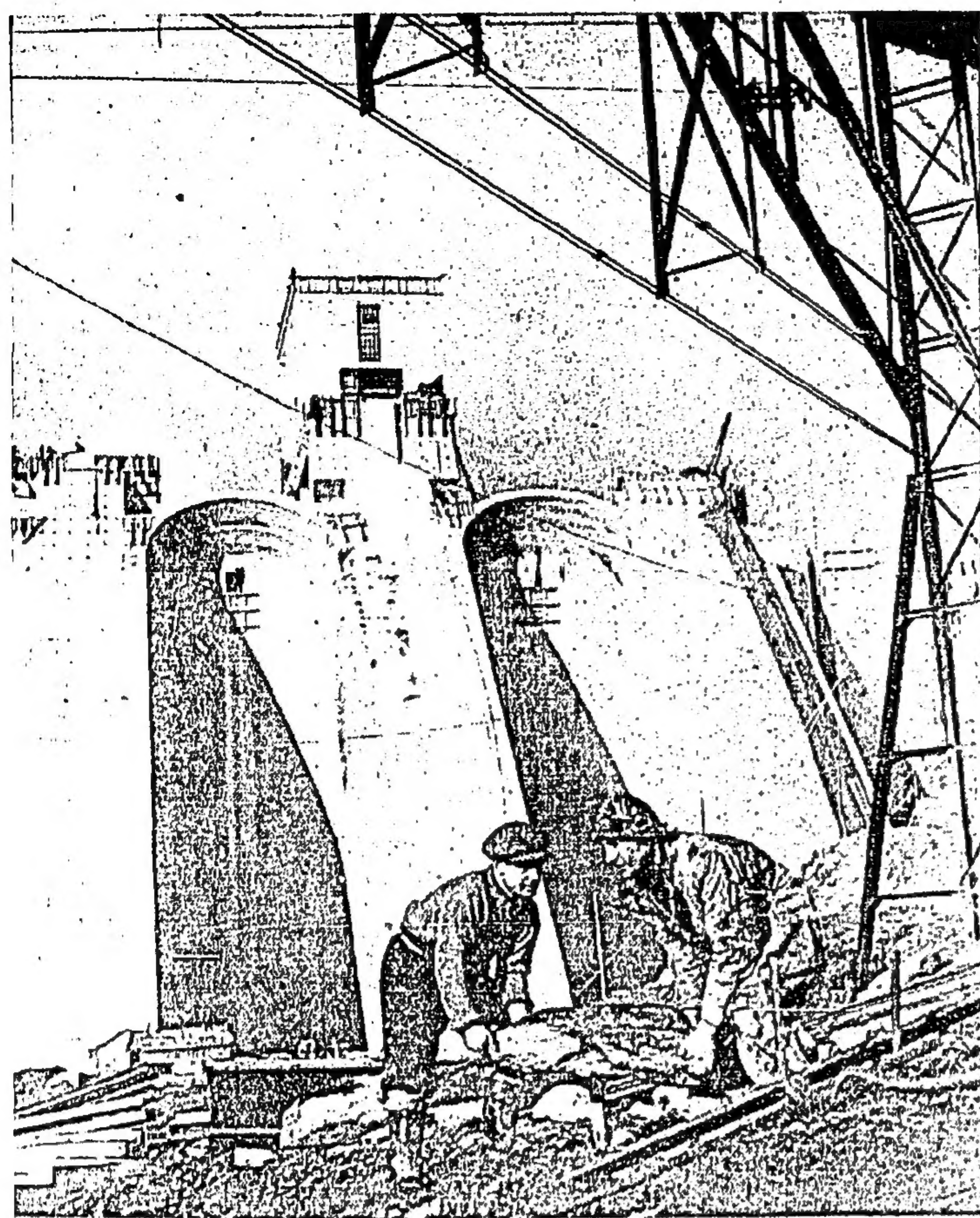
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Loch Lomond Hydro-Electric Scheme



The hydro-electric power scheme on the shores of Loch Lomond, Scotland, is now in operation and is bringing electricity to homes for the first time. Picture looks up to the dam wall and control tower being built at one end of Loch Sloy to harvest the water.

KING SENDS GREETINGS TO INDIAN PRESIDENT ON BIRTH OF REPUBLIC

London, Jan. 25. His Majesty the King has sent the following message to India's first President, Dr Rajendra Prasad: "On the occasion of the inauguration of the Indian Republic I send you my warmest good wishes. May you and the people of India enjoy the full blessings of peace and prosperity in the years to come."

The King's message was sent by the Earl of Mountbatten, who is the Governor-General of India. The message was sent in the name of the King and the Queen. The message was sent in the name of the King and the Queen.

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ACHESON URGES CONGRESS TO CONTINUE DRAFT

Washington, Jan. 25.—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, urged Congress today to extend conscription to show the world that the United States intended to remain strong.

"Weakness invites aggression, direct or indirect, and to remain free the nations of the free world must be strong, both economically and in terms of their defensive capabilities," he declared.

Mr. Acheson appeared before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee to support the Administration's request for a three-year extension of the conscription law, due to expire next June.

The Committee has already heard military leaders' pleas for an extension of the law in the event of another war and as a spur to training.

Committee members have shown little enthusiasm for the proposal, though there has been talk of keeping selective service on a "stand-by" basis, with a view to drafting men unless they are approved.

Mr. Acheson said that the draft law was needed to support America's foreign policy. Letting it die would be interpreted abroad as a slackening of American determination to stand as the principal defender against aggression.

"The fundamental objective of American foreign policy is the maintenance of world peace," he said.

"We have consistently worked within the framework of the United Nations to help develop adequate means of insuring international peace and security."

"That peace is not yet more secure is the fault of the United Nations Organization or of the United States, but it is forced directly to the record of obstinacy and intransigence of the USSR—a record with which we are completely repulsed."

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The measures are primarily directed against the Communist Party, which is accused of being a "fifth column" in France.

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